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STPEC Spring 2014
Pre Registration Advising begins TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

All STPEC students will need to come to the STPEC office for advising before they will be able to register on SPIRE. Don’t wait until it’s your day to start registering - come in early!!!

Important Advising Details:

★ Once you have met with a STPEC advisor your STPEC advising hold will be lifted and you will be able to use the SPIRE system for Spring course registration. You MUST meet with a STPEC advisor in order to have course registration access.

★ Both Katherine Mallory, STPEC’s Chief Academic Advisor, and Tyler Rocco-Chaffee, STPEC’s Assistant Academic Advisor, have appointment times available through Google Calendar. You can link to their appointment calendars from the STPEC Home Page: www.umass.edu/stpec.

★ STPEC students who are Seniors or Juniors must see either Tyler Rocco-Chaffee or Katherine Mallory for advising.

★ We will try our best to publish the STPEC Recommended Course List by November 12th. The list will also be posted to www.umass.edu/stpec.

If you have any suggestions for courses you would like to see - or not see - put on our list, please let us know now!

Please join us for the next STPEC POTLUCK
Friday November 8th 6:00 pm
15 Lasell Avenue in Northampton
Please come early, bring food to share, and invite your instructors!

Getting there: Take the B43 or catch the M40 express (5:45pm from the Haigus Mall). Post on the STPEC student facebook page for carpooling.

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Save the Date!

Please join us for the STPEC Red Star
End of semester Potluck and Graduation Ceremony

Friday, December 6th
Potluck at 6:30
Red Star at 8:00
At Luke’s house; 641 Main Street in Amherst

STPEC Sweatshirts are available by pre-order only! Order yours today! Please check in the office for order forms or go to http://www.umass.edu/stpec/about/sweatshirtInfo.html. Orders must be submitted by November 20th.
Spring 2013 Registration Notes continued

★ All STPEC seminars and Junior Writing will be on-line until Friday, December 6th. STPEC Senior Seminars and Junior Writing will be available on-line to STPEC Seniors and Juniors and the STPEC Seminars I and II will be available on-line to STPEC Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. Please be sure to register before December 7th for the classes you want - after December 7th you may find that you need to fill out an add form and then wait until January to find out if you are in the class!

★ If you find that you cannot enroll through SPIRE in a STPEC course for which you believe you are eligible, please request the course by filling out the STPEC course add request form which is available from the STPEC Office.

★ To request an Independent Study, please fill out an Independent Study Form (available from the STPEC Office mailboxes).

★ To request an Internship, please fill out an Internship Study Contract. For more instruction on registering for the STPEC Internship, please see page 4.

★ Praxis: If you’d like to sign up for the regular 2 credit Praxis (497P) which will NOT count for the I.E. Gen Ed requirement you may do so on SPIRE. To register for the 3 credit Praxis (494PI) which WILL fulfill the I.E. requirement please speak with Katherine Mallory, STPEC Internship Director. Please note that students who take Praxis for 2 credits (497P) will NOT be able to register for the 3 credit Praxis (494PI) at a later date. So if you need to take your I.E. this year please be sure to sign up for 494PI!

★ Be sure to give any completed Add or Independent Study form(s) to Deborah Reiter, STPEC’s Program Coordinator (you may leave it/them in her mailbox if she is not available in person). You will also need to have attended the first two class meetings in order for us to consider your add request.

STPEC Office Staff Internship
To register for STPEC 298Y section 4: STPEC Office Staff, please speak to Deborah, Katherine, or Tyler in the STPEC Office. For more details on the STPEC Student Office Staff Internship, please see page 4 or ask a staff member for a syllabus.

STPEC Executive Committee for Fall 2013
For the Fall 2013 semester our student Executive Committee Reps are: Rosemary Allen, Zoe Allison, Darcy Anne Comey, Joshua Darling, Stuart Farber, Robert Feinberg, Nina Hazelton, Darragh Heffernan, Nicole Mitchell, Ansel Notman-Wilmerding, Nicole Villar Hernandez, Rachel Perkins, Zoe Talkin, Mason Weiser, Scott Wexler, and Benjamin Williams.

If you have issues with/concerns about/suggestions for the STPEC Program please discuss these with a student rep.

The next full Executive Committee Meeting will take place on Friday, December 6 from 3:00-6:00 pm.

Students wishing to serve on Executive Committee for Spring 2014 should register for STPEC 291X, 1 credit, pass/fail. Please read the course syllabus before registering for this credit. The syllabus is available in the STPEC Office or on the STPEC website under People in STPEC/Executive Committee. In order to receive a P in this course, students will need to attend ALL of the student and full executive committee meetings (as listed on SPIRE) and meet the responsibilities outlined in the bylaws and on the syllabus.

Serving on Executive Committee is a great way to network, gain experience, and have a real impact on your education. You will learn real, transferable skills pertaining to meeting facilitation and participation, make decisions horizontally with faculty and staff, and will add a valuable credential to your résumé. Students in 291X are expected to serve as a link between the Executive Committee and the STPEC student body. This connection is essential to building a strong, active, and informed STPEC community.

Join the STPEC Student Group on Facebook!
http://tinyurl.com/stpecstudents

INCOMPLETES IN STPEC SEMINAR I
Once again a reminder that STPEC 391H is a pre-requisite for all other upper level STPEC courses, except for Junior Writing. In most cases, you will not be admitted to other STPEC seminars until you have completed STPEC 391H with a grade of C or better. If you find yourself in an extreme panic due to our standard policy please come and talk to Katherine or Tyler about your situation.
**SPECIAL COURSE OFFERINGS FROM STPEC FOR SPRING 2013**

**STPEC 291Q: Science for the People:**  
*The 1970s and Today*  
April 11-13, 2014  
1 credit, mandatory pass/fail  
Schedule # 51022  
Students will participate in a weekend conference to be held at UMass April 11-13, 2014. The conference will examine the history of the science-activist organization Science for the People and its relevance to issues we face today, including climate change, GMOs, the militarization of scientific research, and the scientific construction of race and gender. In addition to attending all conference activities on Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning, students will contribute to on-line discussions on Moodle.

**STPEC 291R: STPEC Brown Bag Activist Lunch Series**  
Wednesdays 11:15-1:15  
1 credit, mandatory pass/fail  
Schedule # 51023  
Students will attend four brown-bag lunch meetings with local activists to discuss their work: Brendan Carey, Unite Here; Jeff Napolitano, AFSC; Michaelann Bewsee, ARISE for Social Justice; and OutNow (panel presentation). This is an ideal opportunity to explore the intersection between social theory and political practice, and to begin thinking about internship possibilities. Two other meetings will be scheduled, one before the series begins and a final one after the series concludes. Students will be expected to complete short readings for the introductory and wrap-up meetings and will write a final paper comparing and contrasting the activist approaches adopted by the four speakers or on a topic of interest to the student approved by the instructor.

**MEETING TIMES FOR NEW STPEC MAJORS**

We will be holding meetings for new STPEC majors November 12-22. If you are a new STPEC student please go to the STPEC home page and click on the Sign Up for a New Student Meeting announcement. If you cannot make any of the times available please contact either the Program Coordinator or the Associate Program Director so that they may arrange an alternate time for you.

As always, we’re looking for volunteers to help with the new student meetings - it’s fun and easy and a good way to meet new STPEC students! Please see Deborah in the STPEC Office if you’d like to help - or just show up!

**CONSIDERING A DEGREE IN LAW?**  
*Check out the Pre-Law Advising Office!*

STPEC students and alums who are considering legal careers -- either immediately after college, or at some point in the future -- should take advantage of the services provided free of charge by the UMass Amherst Pre-Law Advising Office. The Office provides a full range of options: counseling regarding law school, contacts with a wide range of alums working in law, and step-by-step assistance with the application process. You’ll find innumerable resources on the Pre-Law Advising website at prelaw.umass.edu, and you can keep up to date on developments in the legal profession and in legal education by following the office on Facebook (facebook.com/UMassPreLaw) and Twitter (@UMassPreLaw). Email the Director of Pre-Law Advising, Diane Curtis, with any questions or to set up an appointment: prelaw@acad.umass.edu.

**STPEC Scholarships for Spring 2014**  
*Apply Now!*

STPEC will be awarding two $1,000 scholarships in Spring 2014.

**STPEC Scholarships:** Two $1,000 scholarships provided for by the Sara Lennox Scholarship Fund. Awards will be based on previous, current and future plans for activism and community service. In order to apply you must be in Good Academic Standing with the University and have either completed or be currently enrolled in STPEC Seminar I for the Spring 2014 semester.

For more information on these scholarships and for application forms please go to:  http://www.umass.edu/stpec/academics/scholarships.html.

**Student Bridges Program**

Student Bridges is a student-initiated outreach program that connects UMass students with local community-based organizations and schools through tutoring-mentoring partnerships, college awareness activities, and policy advocacy. The program has primarily partnered with schools and programs in the Holyoke-Springfield area. For more information: visit www.studentbridges.org - stop by 420 Student Union – call 413 545-1288 – or email umbridge@stuaf.umass.edu.

**A SOURCE FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS:**

All About the STPEC Internship Requirement (STPEC 498Y)

All STPEC majors are required to complete a 3 or more credit graded internship before graduation. If you have not yet completed this requirement, you can do so by registering for STPEC 498Y, section 1. Your faculty sponsor will be Katherine Mallory, STPEC’s Internship Director. You are responsible for finding your own internship placement and having it approved by Katherine prior to registering for the course.

Grades for the STPEC Internship requirement are based on your written analysis of your experience and observations. We therefore recommend that you complete at least one semester in the STPEC Program before registering for an internship, so that you have an analytical framework to use as the basis of your written work.

Occasionally we accept prior internships or internships completed through other departments. In order for such an internship to count, it must be graded, worth three or more credits, and involve at least 100 hours of work. In addition you must have written an analytical paper of at least twelve pages based on your experience, which you must submit to Katherine for approval.

Regardless of how you plan to fulfill your internship requirement, you must have Katherine’s prior approval. Please don’t wait until your final semester to talk to Katherine, or you may find that you have to stick around for an extra semester!

Katherine will once again be offering Praxis (STPEC 497P (2 credits, does NOT fulfill I.E.) or STPEC 494PI (3 credits, fulfills I.E. requirement). This optional course helps students to further explore the relationship between theory and practice. This course will offer practical guidance on writing the Internship papers. You may register for STPEC 497P on-line. Students taking STPEC 497P will not be able to take STPEC 494PI at a later date. To register for STPEC 494PI please speak with Katherine.

Internships as Electives

We welcome and encourage STPEC students to do internships beyond the 3 credits required for the major. The University allows you to count up to 15 internship credits toward graduation. You can earn up to 15 credits in one placement, or you can complete two or more smaller internships. Students doing elective internships may work with the Faculty Sponsor of their choice.

Want to help us

RUN THE STPEC PROGRAM?!?

Do you...
★ want to have a voice in your major?
★ yearn for democracy?
★ want something GOOD to put on your resume?

In addition to being a unique academic program in terms of critical focus, we have one of the few consensus-run majors in the nation, where staff and students create the program along side one another. Interning with the STPEC office staff is one way students can help create a participatory major, supporting a community conducive to critical thought and social change, as well as contributing to continually rethinking and revising our major. Office staff duties and projects reflect the needs of the program and the interests of the students and include attending weekly staff meetings, assisting with STPEC office work, working on program publications like the STPEC newsletter, organizing student events, and making weekly program decisions. STPEC office staff members also learn useful skills like consensus decision-making, meeting facilitation, peer-advising and mentoring, and negotiating bureaucracy.

If you would like to participate in creating the present and future of your STPEC major please come see Deborah, Tyler or Katherine in the STPEC Office.

CUNY PROGRAMS ON SOCIAL CHANGE AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

CUNY’s Murphy Institute offers two unique programs that provide students with tools for leadership, scholarship, and advocacy: New York Union Semester and the Masters of Arts Degree in Labor Studies. NY Union Semester offers a mentored internship at a union or worker organization, in addition to 4 outstanding classes. In the MA in Labor Studies, students examine the history, debates and challenges affecting workers and unions, from an interdisciplinary perspective. More info available at: www.sps.cuny.edu/institutes/jsmi.

Looking for an internship, fellowship, grant, volunteer opportunity or job?
Check out the Peace and Collaborative Development website:
http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/
This site is managed by a STPEC alum!
Upcoming Event:

Europe’s ‘entangled histories’ and the Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery in Nantes, France
a talk by Anna Schrade, STPEC Senior Seminar Instructor, Five College Associate and cultural anthropologist whose teaching and research focuses on European minority cultures, African Diasporas, transnational Migration, visual culture studies, critical race theory and postcolonial studies.

Wednesday, November 13, 2013
4:00 pm
Commonwealth Honors College Events Hall

Anna Schrade’s talk evolves around a recently inaugurated ‘Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery’ located in Nantes, France along the Loire riverfront at ‘Quaie de la Fosse’. This historic embankment served from the 17th to the 19th century as the very site of outfitting and embarkation of ships for the ‘French Atlantic Triangle’ (Miller, 2008) and represents therefore an emblematic site for the city’s entanglements in the transatlantic slave trade. Anna Schrade evaluates the relevance of the ‘Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery’ – the first of its kind in Europe – for contemporary France and Europe by engaging with the concept of ‘entangled histories’, originated by anthropologist Shalini Randeria (2002), in whose analysis the colonial conquest, the slave trade and slavery play a formative part for the constitution of European modernity. Schrade argues that the memorial represents an important intervention in light of a dominant narrative of ‘Europe’ in which precisely those entangled histories which relate contemporary European societies and their citizens to the ‘Black Atlantic’ (Gilroy, 1992) are silenced, erased and dis-remembered.

Sponsored by the STPEC Program and Commonwealth Honors College.

SBS Wing Thing for Undergraduate Majors

November 5, 2013 - 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Student Union Ballroom

The annual SBS Wing Thing for SBS majors is a great time to mingle with other SBS students and faculty, find out how you can get more involved at UMass, and learn about campus resources. Plus, you can enjoy wings, chili, chips and salsa. Mark your calendar. We’ll be looking for you!